

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 36 (canceled)

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Claim 37 (currently amended): A faced building insulation assembly, comprising:
an insulation layer; the insulation layer having a length, a width and a thickness;
the insulation layer having first and second major surfaces defined by the length and width of the layer; and

a facing comprising a kraft paper sheet material having a central field portion that overlays the first major surface of the insulation layer; the kraft paper sheet material comprising a kraft paper sheet having a first inner major surface and a second outer major surface and an asphalt layer on the first inner major surface of the kraft paper sheet; the asphalt layer being partially absorbed into the kraft paper sheet and bonding the central field portion of the kraft paper sheet material to the first major surface of the insulation layer; and the asphalt layer having being an asphaltic material consisting essentially of asphalt, a fungi growth-inhibiting agent therein in amounts that result in the kraft paper sheet material having more fungi growth resistance than the kraft paper sheet without the asphalt layer, and an essential plant oil odor-reducing additive in an amount approximating 1 part by weight essential plant oil odor-reducing additive to 10,000 parts by weight asphalt to substantially eliminate odor that would otherwise be emitted by the asphalt layer; and

the second major surface of the kraft paper sheet being essentially free of the asphaltic material.

Claims 38 to 45 (canceled)

Claim 46 (currently amended): The faced building insulation assembly according to claim 37 45, wherein:

the fungi growth-inhibiting agent comprises 2-(4-Thiazolyl) Benzimidazole; and the kraft paper sheet material contains between 200 and 2000 ppm 2-(4-Thiazolyl) Benzimidazole.

Claims 47 and 48 (canceled)

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Claim 49 (original): The faced building insulation assembly according to claim 37, wherein:

the central field portion of the kraft paper sheet material consists essentially of the kraft paper sheet and the asphalt layer which is substantially coextensive with the second major surface of the central field portion of the kraft paper sheet material.

Claims 50 and 51 (canceled)

Claim 52 (currently amended): The faced building insulation assembly according to claim 37 54, wherein:

the fungi growth-inhibiting agent includes 2-(4-Thiazolyl) Benzimidazole and Zinc Pyrithione.

Claim 53 (original): The faced building insulation assembly according to claim 37, wherein:

the central field portion of the facing is substantially coextensive with the first major surface of the insulation layer and the facing has no preformed lateral tabs.

Claim 54 (original): The faced building insulation assembly according to claim 53, wherein:

the insulation layer is laterally compressible; the insulation layer is separable longitudinally by hand at a location spaced inwardly from lateral edge surfaces of the insulation layer; and

the kraft paper sheet material has a longitudinally extending line of weakness in the central field portion of the kraft paper sheet material that extends for the length of the kraft paper sheet material, is spaced inwardly from lateral edges of the kraft paper sheet material, and is aligned with the separable location in the insulation layer to facilitate separation by hand of kraft paper sheet material along the separable location in the insulation layer.

Claim 55 (original): The faced building insulation assembly according to claim 37, wherein:

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the sheet material has first and second lateral tabs extending for the length of the sheet material that are separated from each other by the central field portion of the sheet material.

Claim 56 (original): The faced building insulation assembly according to claim 55, wherein:

the insulation layer is separable longitudinally by hand at a location spaced inwardly from lateral edge surfaces of the insulation layer; and

the sheet material has a longitudinally extending fold in the central field portion of the sheet material that extends for the length of the sheet material, is spaced inwardly from each of the lateral tabs, and is aligned with the separable location in the insulation layer; and the fold comprises first and second tab segments separably joined together along a fold line that is weakened to facilitate separation by hand of the tab segments.

Claim 57 (currently amended): An insulation system for a building wall, floor or ceiling; the wall, floor or ceiling comprising a series of cavities that are each defined in part by spaced apart parallel extending framing members; the insulation system comprising:

unfaced fibrous insulation batts contained within each of the series of cavities; and

a water vapor transmission retarding covering overlying the series of cavities and secured to the framing members defining the cavities; the water vapor transmission retarding covering comprising a kraft paper sheet material roll good having a length and a width and a thickness between 2 and 6 mils; the kraft paper sheet material comprising a kraft paper sheet with a first major surface and a second major surface and an asphalt layer on the first major surface of the kraft paper sheet; the asphalt layer being partially absorbed into the kraft paper sheet; and the asphalt layer having being an asphaltic material consisting essentially of an asphalt, a fungi growth-inhibiting agent therein in amounts that result in the kraft paper sheet material having more fungi growth resistance than the kraft paper sheet without the asphalt layer, and an essential plant oil odor-reducing additive in an amount approximating 1 part by weight essential plant oil odor-reducing additive to 10,000 parts by weight asphalt material to substantially eliminate odor that would otherwise be emitted by the asphalt layer; and

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the second major surface of the kraft paper sheet being essentially free of asphalt.

Claims 58 to 65 (canceled)

Claim 66 (currently amended): The insulation system according to claim 57 65, wherein:

the fungi growth-inhibiting agent comprises 2-(4-Thiazolyl) Benzimidazole; and
the kraft paper sheet material contains between 200 and 2000 ppm 2-(4-Thiazolyl) Benzimidazole.

Claims 67 and 68 (canceled)

Claim 69 (original): The insulation system according to claim 57, wherein:

the kraft paper sheet material consists essentially of the kraft paper sheet and the asphalt layer which is substantially coextensive with the first major surface of the kraft paper sheet.

Claims 70 and 71 (canceled)

Claim 72 (currently amended): The insulation system according to claim 57 74, wherein:

the fungi growth-inhibiting agent includes 2-(4-Thiazolyl) Benzimidazole and Zinc Pyrithione.